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**JUL 13 2017**

Clerk, U S District Court  
District Of Montana  
Missoula

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA  
MISSOULA DIVISION

CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL  
DIVERSITY,

Plaintiff,

vs.

UNITED STATES FISH &  
WILDLIFE SERVICE; and RYAN  
ZINKE, in his official capacity as  
Secretary of the Interior,

Defendants.

CV 17-99-M-DWM

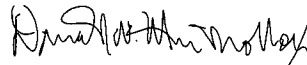
ORDER

Plaintiff Center for Biological Diversity filed this action on July 13, 2017, alleging the Federal Defendants violated the National Environmental Policy Act (“NEPA”) in their preparation of an Environmental Assessment related to the Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species of Fauna and Flora (“CITES”). A similar challenge is already pending before the Court. *See WildEarth Guardians v. Hoover*, CV 16-65-M-DWM.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the parties shall file a statement as to their position on consolidation with the *WildEarth* case on or before **August 1, 2017**. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 42(a)(2). As the Federal Defendants have yet to appear

in this action, the plaintiff is responsible for informing them of this Order and conferring with them regarding the joint filing.

DATED this <sup>13th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ day of July, 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald W. Molloy", is written over a horizontal line.

Donald W. Molloy, District Judge  
United States District Court